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DSAA: RADM TESCH

NAVY: RADM GERHARD

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SUBJECT: TUNISIA'S 6- YEAR ARMS ACQUISITION PROGRAM

REFS: (A) TUNISIA 2126

(B) TUNISIA 2077

(C) CHUSLOT/ AMEMB TUNIS 171400 Z APR 73

1. RADM GERHARD UNABLE TO REVISE ITINERARY FOR 27-28 APR
DATES SUGGESTED REFTEL A, BUT WILL MEET WITH COUNTRY TEAM
24-25 APR PROPOSED REFTEL C. REGRET INABILITY TO MEET
PERSONALLY WITH AMBASSADOR AT THIS TIME.

2. DECISION ON SHIP LOAN STILL UNDER REVIEW. PURPOSE OF
GERHARD VISIT IS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE SHIP LOAN, ASSESSING
GOT CAPABILITY TO ABSORB AND UTILIZE SHIPS, AND CLARIFYING
ADVANTAGES/ DISADVANTAGES WITH GOT AS WELL AS CONDITIONS OF
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POSSIBLE LOAN, E. G., GOT TO PAY ALL REHAB, TRANSPORTATION
AND FOLLOW- ON SUPPORT COSTS.

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3. FOLLOWING KEYED TO PARA 2 REFTEL B.

A. NO ESTIMATES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME ON POSSIBLE
US AIRCRAFT BECOMING AVAILABLE AS SUITABLE REPLACEMENT
FOR F-86 S. QUESTION OF FOLLOW ON AIRCRAFT STILL UNDER
STUDY AND WE WILL REPORT LATER ON THIS MATTER.

B. REGRET END OF YEAR FY 73 FMS FUNDS NOT LIKELY BE
AVAILABLE.

C. QUESTION OF FY 75 GRANT PROGRAM STILL UNDER
REVIEW.

D. EMBASSY ASSUMPTION CORRECT ON REF TERMS OF FUTURE
FMS CREDIT.

4. PROPOSED APPROACH TO MINDEF PER REF (B) PARA 3 E SHOULD
BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT ONLY OUR WILLINGNESS EXPLORE
POSSIBLE SHIP LOAN UNDER CONDITIONS NOTED. ROGERS

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